Charles Burkett Questionnaire Responses

Governor

1. What motivated you to run for office?

"I'm running for office because of the state of the world and my gratitude for living in a great state like Florida - and fear that we could lose it if the right people are not elected to run our state.

It matters who is in charge. Think of great leaders like Steve Jobs and how the right man or woman change make or break an organization – or state.

Lots of wannabes sign up to run for office. In their own lives they've done little, or worse are financial or personal shipwrecks. They think that if they put a suit and tie on and string together words that will convince voters they can help them. They can't.

What helps Florida residents is the election of leaders with proven talent and experience. Those leaders can best serve Floridians. I have that experience and will put Floridians and their interests first."

2. What is your professional experience, and how does that experience qualify you for the office you are seeking?

"Personally, I started with $20,000 I saved as a construction worker and have transformed that small savings into a national company I own that operates investment properties (debt free) in eight states.

I also have been involved in government for 40 years, in the capacity of board member, commissioner, chairman and mayor.

Over a 20-year span as a four-term mayor, I have seen and delt with it all – making government efficient, hiring great people, recovering from hurricanes and overcoming catastrophe by overseeing the attempted rescue and recovery of 98 residents lost in the third worse building collapse in US History.

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I'm not seeking office to feather my personal nest like so many of our elected officials, on the contrary, I see office to represent the residents of Florida and their interests against the entrenched political elites who own and operate many of our politicians."

3. If elected, what will be your top priorities?

"**Keeping Florida affordable**

Eliminate property taxes on homesteaded primary residences.

Completely rewrite broken property and auto insurance laws.

Dismiss non-criminal traffic tickets for drivers with clean 10-year records.

Eliminate unfair paid highway HOV express lanes.

Eliminate unfair tolls on public roads.

Eliminate Florida's unfair gas tax.

Eliminate permit fees to repair and improve your home.

Force local government to provide water and sewer at cost.

Slash bloated government, wherever it is, that we don't need – or want.

Rewrite the unaffordable, broken healthcare laws. Put doctors, not government and insurance companies, in charge. Make 'Right to Try' laws absolute. Affirm and codify "My Body, My Choice." Free Florida medical research from bureaucratic and litigious strangulation.

Stop dangerous over-development that is destroying our way of life:

Repeal the Live Local Act sham, and all others like it, put in place mostly to line the pockets of developers – who then gladly line the pockets of politicians.

Stop the "Manhattanization" and continued "over-densification" of Florida's charming and historic communities.

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Crush traffic and population gridlock by favoring smart renovation over unchecked new construction, and by favoring current residents over those who wish to move to Florida.

Restore trust and 'FedEx/UPS-style' efficiency in government:

Eliminate excessive pay and pension schemes that reward career politicians and others which will eventually bankrupt our state.

Any government position paying more than $250,000 must not exceed a two-year term and be reviewed and advertised for replacement, with interviews of all new applicants, every two years.

Prohibit politicians and bureaucrats from wasteful travel. Require all "meetings," "retreats," non-physical "training," and "education," be conducted by Zoom only.

Promote common-sense growth and restoration:

Real education for our kids, not factory-style, educational warehousing. Retain only great teachers — good enough is not good enough for our kids.

Demand clean water and air.

Transform Florida's slums, ghettos, and war zone neighborhoods by enacting my proposed "Oasis Act".

Employ economic development and tourism programs that benefit Floridians most — not developers, special interests, new Florida arrivals, or tourists.

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